



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. KBB 2005 - 54

***DELAY OF THE OCTOBER 15, 2005 AND NOVEMBER 12, 2005 ELECTIONS IN THE
PARISHES OF ALLEN, BEAUREGARD, CALCASIEU, JEFFERSON DAVIS
AND VERMILION***

WHEREAS, "in order to ensure maximum citizen participation in the electoral process and provide a safe and orderly procedure for persons seeking to qualify or exercise their right to vote, to minimize to whatever degree possible a person's exposure to danger during declared states of emergency, and to protect the integrity of the electoral process," the Louisiana Legislature enacted R.S. 18:401.1 to provide "a procedure for the emergency suspension or delay and rescheduling of absentee voting in person and elections"; and

WHEREAS, on September 28, 2005, pursuant to the provisions of R.S. 18:401.1(B), the secretary of state certified to the governor that as a result of Hurricane Rita a state of emergency exists in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion and recommends that the primary election scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2005, be postponed and delayed in those parishes;

NOW THEREFORE I, KATHLEEN BABINEAUX BLANCO, Governor of the state of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and laws of the state of Louisiana, do hereby order and direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Under the authority of R.S. 18:401.1(B) and based on the September 28, 2005, certification of the secretary of state that a state of emergency exists in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion and the recommendation that the primary election in these parishes be postponed and delayed; the primary and proposition elections scheduled to be held on Saturday, October 15, 2005, in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion shall be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005; and the general and proposition elections in the parishes of Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Jefferson Davis and Vermilion scheduled to be held on Saturday, November 12, 2005, be postponed and delayed until Saturday, December 10, 2005.

SECTION 2: This Order is effective upon signature.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the city of Baton Rouge, on this 29th day of September, 2005.

/S/ Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY
THE GOVERNOR**

/S/ Al Ater
SECRETARY OF STATE